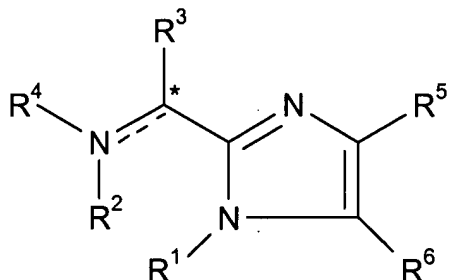


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(Amendments are illustrated by showing deletions by ~~strike through~~ or [[double bracketing]] and additions by underlining)

1, Please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

--The present invention is directed to imidazolyl derivatives or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof which are useful as agonists or antagonists of somatostatin receptors, having the following formula (I),



where wherein the substituents are defined in the specification[[[,] ~~which are useful as agonists or antagonists of somatostatin receptors.~~